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The best remedy would be to limit copyright on software to 5 years and then enforce making that code public. Technology is changing at a far more rapid pace today than when copyright laws were first written but those laws have not been updated to reflect this. Today five years spans a software technologies life cycle providing sufficient time gain the vast majority of potential profit. Making code public at the end of 5 years would ensure that significant new development would have to be produced to maintain a competitive position. I would be surprised if Bill Gates would oppose such a move as he has always advocated a fast moving innovative industry, whereas his opponents have advocated open code which they would gain after 5 years. This remedy serves both interests without threatening either to the advantage of the public and the industry while aligning copyright laws with contemporary times.

Thank you

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